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Invention: ROPE LOCKING DEVICE WITH
AUTOMATIC SAFETY
MECHANISM

Applicant: Brad E. Hossler

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED
OCTOBER 7, 2003 AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER
ON APRIL 13, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003 and telephone interview with examiner of April 13, 2004, applicants' request that the following amendments are entered and the following remarks are considered.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response